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## Britain's Airfields

**THE PRESENT ALLIED air offensive against German-held territory in Europe, is the greatest operation of its kind ever to be undertaken. News reports give us some conception of the large number of men and machines involved in this great task. But the other side of the story is equally important, of which little is heard. In order to sustain the fleets of aircraft which come and go day and night, many bases are needed, and for this reason Britain has been converted into what was described as "one great airfield on the edge of occupied Europe." At one time the Italian Minister was called "The Maddest Airman in Caesar," and it is now suggested that Britain might justly claim the title. Outstanding achievements in engineering, organization and finance have been accomplished in providing accommodation for the ever-growing Allied air armada.**

### Exact Number Not Revealed

Paved runways, perimeter tracks and hard standings are said to total 160,000,000 square yards, which would be equivalent to nearly 9,000 football fields and thirty feet wide. The number of balloon and command posts, gun positions, anti-aircraft stations, etc., was shown to total 100. Other materials authorized included 18,000,000 cubic feet of wood, all kinds, 336,000 miles of cables, 9,800 switchboards, and many other items. The costs reached gigantic proportions. In 1942, the money expended in this connection amounted to one-sixth of the national budget in peacetime. Included in this building program also was the construction of a number of bases for the United States Army Air Force, carried out by the British government under a plan of Lease-Lease to the U.S.A.

**Suitable Soil Hard To Find**

Among the problems encountered was that of selecting the most suitable areas for the erection of airfields which were needed. Britain is a very densely populated country and great difficulty was found in locating open spaces sufficiently removed from each other and from large centers of population. A further complication lay in the fact that much of the available space was owned and that there were legal restrictions on the use of peat land, dry land, terrain unsuitable for flying, etc., but the amount of acreage devoted to the cultivation of food crops, an important part of Britain's war economy, had to be curtailed. Labour and transportation facilities, both of which are greatly restricted due to the war, were other obstacles overcome by the Air Ministry works department. Now completed, these airfields are providing part of the background for the mightiest air offensive of all time.

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### Marvelous Technique

**British Gun Crew Shoot Down Nazi Plane At Altitude Of Four Miles.** — Report of a British anti-aircraft gun crew, as well as weapon performance, has immensely increased since 1940. The crews are trained and re-trained in grueling gunnery courses. One Me410 which crashed off the coast of Norway, was hit and was met by heavy anti-aircraft fire was shot down in pitch darkness from an altitude of over four miles with only 30 rounds.

### FIGHTING ON ALL FRONTS

The British Army has fought in almost every corner of the globe—Norway, France, Holland and Belgium, Egypt, Eritrea, Abyssinia, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Syria, North Africa, Persia, Sicily, Italy, Greece, Ceylon, Malaya, Burma and Hong Kong.

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A.—No, that order has been rescinded on account of the small amount of tin being incorporated in new tubes. Consumers are advised, however, to continue to turn in their old tubes wherever possible so that their tin content may be recovered.

Q.—Can I throw away the No. 4 book I issued?

A.—Not if you wish to become eligible for ration books. The same applies to the No. 3 book as well.

Q.—What is the cost of the ration book?

A.—It will not cost one cent to get a ration book. He says he cannot secure them, but still charges the same price without the carton. Is this correct?

A.—Yes, this is correct, the manufacturer is soft drink bottling company.

Q.—What is the cost of the ration book?

A.—There would be no difference in the price of the ration book.

Q.—What should one do when he has lost his ration book?

A.—Apply to the nearest Local War Prices and Trade Board.

Q.—What is the cost of a ration book?

A.—When your son leaves your home, you must apply to the ration board for his name to be removed and he required to surrender his book to the army authorities.

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DR. N. C. WEATHBY  
Director

Line Elevators Farm Service

SHRUBS

**Ornamental Shrubs and Small Trees** for the Canadian Prairie is the title of a new bulletin just published by Line Elevators Farm Service. The author of this bulletin is Dr. N. C. Weathby, Associate Professor of Horticulture, University of Manitoba. It contains a very valuable compilation containing descriptions of over a hundred shrubs and it is beautifully illustrated.

Farmyards and school grounds in the Prairie Provinces are, too often, drab and dull. Shrub plantations are not difficult to establish and require comparatively little labour to maintain. This new bulletin includes the essential information on soil, water and care of shrubs and, also, on planning the shrubbery. The teacher can use it in his classroom for selection, and secure information on landscape design as well as on care and maintenance. A list of recommended shrubs is included.

Copies of the bulletin may be obtained from Line Elevators Farm Service, 763 Grain Exchange Building, Winnipeg, or the Head Office Building, Calgary. The distribution is free to farmers, country school students and their teachers. This will be very helpful in addition to the parcels of agricultural literature which go from Line Elevators Farm Service to country schools almost every day.



AUTHOR ACTOR

Bernard Braden, the Canadian radio actor who is currently engaged (with leading roles) in the CBC drama series, The Broadcasters, is heard over the National Network on Sundays at 7 p.m.

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**A WEEKLY EDITOR**

serve mean saving. There is no better, surer way of saving than through Canadian Victory Bonds.

Saving, the antithesis of speculation, and there was a time out west—where I lived all my life—where quite a number of farmers went kerflooey because of speculation instead of saving. In the days of the Great Depression, farmers and agriculturists have warned the farmers against speculation in land purchases which might lead to land booms—speculating at retail sales unneccessarily, speculating in securities of doubtful value and so on.

I am reminded that recently at Saskatoon, Hon. J. G. Taggart, Saskatchewan minister of agriculture, and a former superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, mental stations, warned against land booms and inflation of land value, said that 75 per cent of the ill of agriculture had been from this very source. This dire warning could be prevented in the post war period something worthwhile would have been accomplished.

Who am I, or anyone else, to preach to a farmer on things of no matter? Well, I am a minister of religion, but this just a little heart to heart talk with farmers about the pro and cons of the Victory Loan. The National War Finance Committee takes the stand—and it appears most logical—and yet, you know, if you do anything to the contrary by evil or subversive forces, are the safest investment with which to build for the future a reserve for the improvement of the home, family betterment of farm life, for the whole future of farming in Canada.

It goes without saying if farmers build up reserves now—by saving in the secretest manner possible—farm life can be made more attractive for the hundreds of thousands of lads and lasses who will be shedding khaki and blue some day and taking up the most independent life in the world, that of farming.

Everyone knows, or should know, that Canada's Victory Bonds are marketable; they can be borrowed against at a very low interest rate.

from any bank. Better still they accumulate if kept until needed.

If the seven hundred thousand odd farms in Canada all have Victory Bonds tucked away, the whole agricultural industry will be sounder for it. That's the message.

**WHEAT SYRUP IS POSSIBLE NEW LOCAL INDUSTRY**

"A process has been perfected for the manufacture of syrup from wheat," said Cecil Lamont, vice-president of the North-West Line Elevators Association, "in its return from attending the annual conference of the United States Farm Chemurgy Conference held at St Louis, Mo. The conference was attended by leaders of agriculture and science from the United States, Canada, South America and China. Latest developments in science's search for new industrial uses for farm products were reviewed."

"Manufacture of syrup was developed at the United States Government's Northern Research Laboratory at Peoria Illinois. Commercial production is already under way at 10,000,000 pounds a month. Its quality and taste equals that of corn syrup. The new product is being

manufactured in a best sugar plant, 'wheat syrup offers distinct possibilities for new industries in Western Canada and would result in a new market for wheat. There are three best sugar plants located in western Canada, one in Winnipeg and two in Alberta. In addition there are two plants in Ontario. These plants operate only from three to four months of the year. In processing sugar beet pulp is used. In this instance they could engage in manufacturing wheat syrup for the remaining eight months of the year. These plants could produce upwards of 60,000,000 pounds of wheat syrup annually, depending upon the shortage of syrup and sweetening in Canada," the line elevators spokesman said.

"United States Government representatives at the conference stated that 100,000,000 bushels of wheat were available in the United States during 1944 for the manufacture of alcohol for war purposes. The quantity of wheat used in making alcohol during the past 18 months has done much to shorten the supply of wheat available to the Allies. The Line Elevator Companies have been urging intensified research into finding new industrial uses for wheat and other grain products and have been instrumental in the movement to establish a wheat division of the National Research Council with fully equipped

laboratories for farm products research work.

"At the St. Louis meeting the chief of the four United States Government Research Laboratories reviewed the development in their research activities and those which were completed in 1940. So successful have these laboratories been that the president of the Chemurgy Council urged, as a post-war project, the establishment of a national research laboratory. He contended that there need be no duplication of effort, and that small business concerns who were unable to engage research staffs of their own, could carry on experimental work in their respective industries. It was estimated that federal, state and industrial research organizations are now spending upwards of \$400,000,000 a year on scientific research.

"With the uncertain post-war trade outlook for wheat Canada should get research projects underway immediately in seeking expanded industrial uses for this cereal," said Mr. Lamont.

"Price improvement already brought about a substantial increase in wheat consumption, the value of research on the chemurgics side said that wheat would have to sell at 20 cents a bushel for conversion into alcohol. When wheat is converted into alcohol, wheat which is being sold at 70 cents a bushel, today with large scale conversion of wheat into al-

cohol Canada is able to sell to the additional Canadian plants last year

United States all the wheat that railroads and lake boats can carry, at approximately \$1.40 per bushel. In pic.



**FIGHTING MUD AND GERMANS**—In the face of weather conditions which turned the battle area into a sea of mud, and desperate enemy resistance, the Allied Fifth Army in Italy is fighting in mountainous terrain which bars the way to Rome.

**SINCE THE CALL TO ARMS**

WITHIN AN HOUR of the opening of hostilities the Canadian National began what proved to be the largest and the most exacting war job in Canada. This has continued day and night without stop for four and a half years.

FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 1939 to March 18, 1944 the Canadian Railways carried more than 100 million passengers and 300 million tons of freight. Since the beginning of the war, the Canadian National Dining Car Department has served 13,631,287 meals.

THE RAILWAY not only handled away the completed munitions of war, but brought in the raw materials to make them. Without this two-way service, Canada's magnificent job of production could not have been carried out. The Canadian Railways maintained a million men in the freighters, naval guns and gun mountings, aircraft components, and parts for other gun factories.

OF THE 100 MILLION PASSENGERS carried, a high percentage consisted of members of the armed forces proceeding to camps for training and to shipboard for embarkation.

STEAMSHIPS OF THE COMPANY, though reduced in numbers by sinkings through enemy action, have served faithfully in the war as auxiliary armed cruisers, hospital ships and transports.

CANADIAN NATIONAL Express and Telegraph facilities have worked to capacity to meet war demands.

The Canadian National's nine all-year hotels, situated in cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, have provided an essential service to those engaged in the war effort. All the Canadian party resort hotels are closed for the duration.

25% OF THE PERSONNEL in Company's services in 1939 have joined the armed forces. In Victory Loan campaign Canadian men and women have purchased bonds to the amount of \$26,926,600.

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES, subsidiary of the Canadian National Railways, has carried 45,000 passengers during the war, 9,417,000 pounds of air mail letters, and 1,476,000 pounds of wartime air express. Trans-Canada Air Lines is also flying the Atlantic regularly with mail to and from the armed forces.

**TRANSPORT for a NATION AT WAR**

The Canadian National has been privileged to join with all the citizens of our country, including those who are serving in the armed forces, in the prosecution of the war. It believes that Canadians will be interested in this outline of some of the System's war activities.

*Extracts from Annual Report of the Directors of the Canadian National System:*

**OUR OBJECTIVE IN 1943**, as in other war years, was to place the full strength of our manpower and facilities behind the war effort of the United Nations. To this end all energies have been directed. The requirements of the armed forces, of industry and agriculture, for transport and other services, have been met in all of the nine Provinces of the Dominion and in the important sections of the United States in which we operate.

**RECORD TRAFFIC**

These demands were greater than ever before, the traffic moved in 1943 being 17.3% greater than in 1942, the previous peak war year, and 44.7% greater than in 1928, the peak peace year.

Freight traffic in 1943 was more than double that of 1939, and passenger traffic four times that of 1939.

Despite this, the very large movements of war materials and personnel reached their destinations in accordance with schedule arrangements. There was no lowering of the recognized standards of safety.

**MANUFACTURE OF MUNITIONS**

The Company also extends its activities as a manufacturer of munitions, ships and naval appliances.

**EARNING POWER**

The 1943 operations demonstrated the great earning power of the System, the railway proving again that it can handle an immense volume of business economically as well as expeditiously.

After providing from revenue for all operating expenses (including deferred maintenance, depreciation, amortization, of defence projects and reserve for inventories) and also a reserve for pension contracts, taxes, interest

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**OPERATING EFFICIENCY**

The operating ratio for the year was 73.64% (an all-time record) as compared with 76.93% in 1942 and 81.9% in the peak peace year of 1928.

It is interesting to note that the vastly increased war traffic in 1943 was handled with 16.6% fewer locomotives, 15.4% fewer freight cars and 8.1% more passenger cars than was the traffic of 1917, the fourth year of the last World War.

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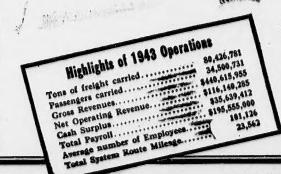
The Company was honoured in being selected to provide extensive train and other services for Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Madam Chiang Kai-shek during their visits to Canada in 1943.

**POST-WAR**

Changing conditions will call for new methods of railway operation and new types of service, and there must needs be a continuing search for improvement in all aspects of the railway industry. In view of this, the Company has in hand a programme of research. This programme, in addition to considering ways and means of improving service and efficiency of operation, also encompasses the problems of post-war reconstruction and rehabilitation.

**THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES** in all departments of the System have worked hard and loyally, and with increased responsibilities arising out of the war, and the directors record their appreciation and thanks. The traditional harmonious relations between management and employees were maintained throughout the year. Appreciation also is expressed to shippers and the travelling public alike for their cooperation in and sympathetic understanding of difficult operating conditions caused by the war.

*R. D. Lamont*  
Chairman and President



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**OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—  
HAPPILY EVER AFTER**  
By ARTHUR YOUNG  
McClure Newspaper Syndicate

Mollie could not remember getting on the bus. After the fight with Joe she had gone out and walked and when she had left she had been at the top in the rear seat and she had always laughingly said was served for them. While Joe was courting her they had taken the Fifth Avenue bus to the end of the line and then got off every evening.

They had planned to do things when they were married, but life hadn't worked out just as they expected. Three years now, any job Mollie had found was a little bit of her dream. A small roof jutted out from the dingy window of their top-story apartment, and that provided Mollie with a penthouse. She had managed to raise five strange plants in flower boxes, had painted the kitchen (which led on to the roof)—the garden room. The tiny living room she had furnished is black and white—the modernistic touch.

She'd been very happy until Joe's father died and his mother came to live with them. After that, with her mother-in-law's laundry sprawled over the garden window so you couldn't see out of it, even Mollie's imagination couldn't convert the place into a penthouse.

This morning Joe's mother had gone away for a day. Mollie did not plan to do anything except to make the most of it. And just—the minute they were alone she had turned on each other!

The nerves of both must have been on edge. "I'm afraid I didn't deserve to be here," Mollie had said, picking his mother's clothes off the chairs and tables and then, suddenly, thrown them out the window? If he'd been home all day, every day, with no time to himself, he'd have been more than as long as he had to have been here.

So when he'd said coldly, "That's the way you think about me, is it?" she'd gone to pieces and told him just how much she wanted out of his job and the nonexistent bank account, and about him. When he should have comforted her, Joe had grabbed her shoulders and shaken her. Mollie had wracked free and flung out of the apartment.

The bus stopped at a corner and Mollie found herself looking straight into the eyes of a man who had a lined face. He grinned and pointed a seat beside him. Mollie turned quickly away, but at the next stop, there he was again. Suddenly Mollie rose. She didn't intend to accept his invitation, but just couldn't help it. They had associations as far apart as the moon and the sun.

He was waiting for her in a bar. "Could I interest you in a cocktail party?" he asked.

"Oh, no," she had walked on, but he had followed her, "I don't have time to go out on, kid," he urged. "I'm no big, bad wolf—it's just that my date fizzed out."

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The kindness in his tone brought quick tears to Mollie's eyes. "I—I—I don't know what I'd do," she said.

Mollie scarcely heard Dale Bushman's cheery conversation during the short drive. Surprisingly silent, she clutched at her wedding ring and stared at the floor.

They drew up before a elevator building. The elevator shot up and up, and to Mollie's astonishment they emerged at the top of the stairs. She heard a swirl of silk skirts. There all alone.

"Oh, yes!" The lump in Mollie's throat made her voice sound queer. "It's—so big!"

The girl looked at her searchingly. "Yes, it's big," she agreed. "And while it's beautiful to you, it might not be to someone else. Someone who—well, who didn't have any one with whom to share it."

"You mean you live alone?" Mollie asked.

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The girl's tone was bitter. "Yes, I live alone. And when I can't bear it any longer, I call in that gang inside. We have much in common."

Dale is still in love with his ex-wife—the girl in the red dress—and produces somebody new every day to

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WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE  
SWIFT CURRENT BACHACHEWAN  
by JIM GREENHALAY, Editor of the SWIFT  
CURRENT BACHACHEWAN

"Put Victory First!" is the title of this week's article, and this is done without apology. It means the Sixth Victory Loan is in the offing, starts April 15. I have been asked to add my column to have a little talk with the farmers of Canada about the Loan. I know how busy you are with sowing seedling underway—I know how busy your wife is, too, and the help of your sons, and daughters too, who left the farm for the armed forces, and I realize that you just haven't the time to read the Victory Loan column. So I will do the talking, so I thought if I summarized the reasons given why Victory Bonds are such a good investment, and how their purchase will assist in bringing victory nearer, it might help you to decide how much to invest.

I was in the Sixth Victory Loan, Canadians are being asked to subscribe in amounts up to \$1000 each to help bring our boys and girls back just as soon as possible from such hell as Hong Kong and Casino. Doesn't matter if we've won collar guys or lost them in the war, we're showing with munitions to the world. It's our war and as much as we did like such things we're in it to the finish. The thing about this loan that strikes me, and I'm not surprised or stupid, is that the average farmer, that buying a Victory Bond means two definite things, 1, investing in victory, 2, investing in my own or your own future. It's just that simple. The government charmed with running this war for us, is not asking us to give our savings, but letting them, and at a fair rate of interest too.

I was interested in a little booklet entitled "Let's Look at the War Front". In it are some figures from the Bureau of Statistics showing living conditions of Canadian farm households in 1941. I'll just quote them briefly. Canadian farms didn't seem to have 80% percent farm dwellings were in need of repair; 86 per-

cent were heated by stoves 2 percent were heated by furnaces; 20 percent have electric lighting; 7.3 have bathing facilities; 8 percent had flush toilets; 40 percent had radios; 42.7 percent had automobiles and 29.3 had telephones.

Obviously, to make the standard of living higher, and the necessity for this is seen after one year of war, the farmer has got to lay up some cash, or something just as secure as cash, to get himself or his children the things he has been denied all these years. Besides that it takes cash for replacement of equipment and of the soil. Therefore savings take on a new significance these days.

Times have been good these last few years, due to the war, or anything you like, that isn't a factor in the present armament. Do you know that agricultural income in Canada reached a new all-time peak in 1943, being estimated by reliable official sources at \$1,000,000,000, almost twice as much as that of 1939, estimated at \$722,000,000? This gives the farmer his chance, for the first time since about 1929, to institute for himself a savings programme. Realizing the uncertainties of the future, and goodness knows the agricultural industry can run into uncertainties just about as quick as anything we know of.

Building up a sound farm reserves doesn't cost him a cent. The big successful industries you hear about have been able to expand by definite planning and in this, the matter of setting up reserves is the same. You can do as well as anyone in the west. You can do anything if you have cash reserves, and what better way of building up cash reserves than by investing in the Sixth Victory Loan? If a person gets the word "Investment" he'll never buy his farm, there just can't be any doubt about what he's going to do. Building for the future on the farm can run coincidently, for thought, planning and hard work, building up a cash reserve.

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# We Can Do Better

**I**N the past, wars have brought us with them a high cost of living, ending with inflation.

This sapped the strength of nations and added poverty and injustice to the other tragedies of war.

Later it led to falling prices and unemployment.

In this war, we Canadians are determined to head off this danger.

We have done much to avoid a repetition of the disastrous price rises of previous wars.

We have paid higher taxes. We have bought Victory Bonds. We have severely limited profits.

We have put a ceiling on prices. And to make it possible to hold the ceiling, wages and salaries have been controlled.

In one way or another most increased costs have been absorbed and very few passed on to the consumer.

Holding the ceiling has been a struggle. But the results have been worth while. From 1914 to 1919 prices rose 60%. From 1939 to 1944 the rise has been only 18%.

This effort of the Canadian people has been successful enough to be noted in other countries.

But we must continue to hold the line. We need not let history repeat itself. We can do better.

## We can all help—

By cutting down unnecessary spending, and buying Victory Bonds instead.

By not hoarding or buying in black markets.

By not taking advantage of the war situation to press claims for higher prices, higher wages, higher rents or higher profits.

(This advertisement is one of a series being issued by the Government of Canada to emphasize the importance of preventing inflation in the cost of living now and definitely later.)

# "COMBINED OPERATIONS INCLUDE YOU"



● Invasion demands more action from every fighting service . . . combined operations. Combined operations include you, too.

Despite the shortage of help and equipment, Canadian farmers have responded nobly to demands for increased production of foods.

But there is one thing on which a better job can still be done,

**MORE MONEY** is needed to fight a more intensive war.

All Canadians will be asked to furnish this money. It's a duty that we who are at home owe to the men on the fighting fronts.

In these days most farmers have higher incomes . . . money to save. And that is the job that they are asked to do . . . save money and lend it to Canada.

You are not asked to give money . . . just to lend it. When the war is over you'll have this money to "plough back" into your farm. So save now to lend to your country. Save to have money to improve your farm; money for new stock and implements; money for more land or new buildings . . . for a new car . . . for new furnishings and conveniences for your home.

All you can lend is little enough for a cause so vital for a need so urgent. And the more that you can save and lend to your country now, the more you will have for your own use when the war ends.



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## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

### Riding Double

By FRED TOOKE

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

Mel Martin twisted the gas handle grimly—again and again, his shattering roar of motor voices rattled across the brightly lighted carnival grounds, startling the crowds, drowning out the splinters. The tall man sat to the front of the machine, his hands on the throttles down and the hollow voice of Honey-Bay Sparks boomed out over the amplifiers.

Friendly, ingratiating, wheeling. It drew the crowds like a magnet. And there was a lovely, white, breeches-clad chick who was wide-eyed as any. As if she hadn't heard the same cooing tones night after night. As if she wanted to go hearing them after this last race.

That look of rapt admiration in Lana's eyes had once been for him—Mel. But Sparks' incessant patter and his own constant exposure to danger on the wall of the big wooden cyclone machine! Mel quailed moodily. He had never been able to tell Lana of his savings, his plans to buy a midget racer when the show folded, to trouble the little track手 as they went on. It had become more impossible to ask her to go with him.

For Sparks' winning voice could cut too. He would comment sardonically on Mel's daring feats on the straight wall. "Now, he ought to be thinking about getting a pretty girl," he'd say over the loud-speaker at the top of the rim. "Me. I'd marry her instead."

And the crowd, tense with fear, would gape uncomprehendingly. One down, one Mel whirling around. Lana poised rigidly on the handbars. There had crept into Lana's eyes something of Sparks' own cynical contempt.

Autumn had come to Gleichen. Boy's cue! Mel mounted the cycle set on rollers and mechanically demonstrated a few tricks.

"Marry her!" The words rattled through his brain with the sound of the exhaust. And the world he thought bitterly. After tonight.

The spell ended and the crowd hopped up the steps to the top of the cylinder. Mel opened the heavy door for Lana, almost. It shut almost soundlessly. All right, it was the end. One last whirl, and it would be over.

"The last time," Lana was saying softly.

"That's right," he said shortly. They stood silent until Mike, the mechanic, as he crept around the walls, knocking in the nails that worked loose with every performance. Above them Sparks went swoop, went, a shrill scream from the floorboards, a nail puncture, while the cycles were on the straight wall.

"What are you going to do after tonight, Mel?" Lana asked timidly.

"Mike will be at Spur's."

"Getting a midget racer," he said harshly. "Trouping the little tracks. What's the difference?"

She stiffened at his tone, turned

impulsively to him. For a wild moment, looking into her troubled eyes, all his longings swept to the surface. Then he saw the look in her eyes, a tender companion look. Lanes—he had a hard mouth trembled with unaccustomed words. And then a white shudder shivered into them, shattering the electric instant that had flickered before.

"Let me roll!"

Mel turned and kicked the starters of his big black mount. It roared to life at the same instant that Lana's little cycle started. Then they were circling the wall, leaning almost outside, screaming almost to the rim of heads at the top: Lana below him, gamely keeping pace. He rode doggedly. Grimly he watched Sparks perform on wall alone.

Then he rode his mount, grimly, riding with relentless driving. Circling on the seat, riding backwards, riding the handbars—what did it matter? Because it was the end—the end of everything! The crowd clapped. Sparks clapped. The applause was deafening when he finished. Then Lana sat on the last ride of the evening—their last ride, he told her.

He found himself trembling, but forced his wary arms to stiffen. The cycle was well, circled faster and faster; and cautiously Lana went through her routine. She hung over him, side by side, then on her own, from gauzy, almost to the inner guard. Then Mel straightened out the cycle and his arms went rigid.

This was the climax of the show—of what he had planned. There was to stand behind the machine.

They circled steadily, unwaveringly, around the straining walls. Slowly Lana rose, until at last she stood upright and true. Mel ached with anxiety. And suddenly he knew it was over. He knew he was losing her. He was losing her, wasn't he? Then why not get it over with now? All his writhing, longing, willed it madly within him. One little tilt, one swerve, and it would be over—Lana, he, everything! And that came.

Shrieks went up from the crowd as the cycle roared down; the crowd leaped back as the machine hit the floor. Mel's nerves were screaming as he fought the plunging machine on the straight wall, as he saw Lana before him clinging to the handbars. Her white, death-brown hands were near his burning as he braked down the cycle and finally brought it to a halt on the floor. The machine crashed over as he gathered her limp, white, into his arms.

"I'm sorry," he choked. "Why?" The crowd was cheering. Sparks was yelling something, but they didn't matter. When mattered was that he had done it. All right, he had almost happened... why did you tip the cycle?" he groaned.

"To save you," she gasped through pale lips.

"Then there was . . ." His eyes widened as he scanned the packed track.

"Oh, darling," Lana breathed shakily. "I'm glad I haven't to worry about nails on the midge track."

"I'm sorry," he said shortly.

They stood silent until Mike, the mechanic, as he crept around the walls, knocking in the nails that worked loose with every performance.

Above them Sparks went swoop,

went, a shrill scream from the floorboards, a nail puncture, while the cycles were on the straight wall.

"What are you going to do after tonight, Mel?" Lana asked timidly.

"Mike will be at Spur's."

"Getting a midget racer," he said harshly.

"Trouping the little tracks. What's the difference?"

She stiffened at his tone, turned

## Young Composers

Canadian Performing Right Society's  
Seventh Annual Scholarship  
Competition

The degree to which the present war has diverted the energies of young people of musical ambitions has been clearly revealed in the total of entries for the Canadian Performing Right Society's seventh annual scholarship competition for composers under the age of 22. The last day for the mailing of entries in the competition opened in all provinces of Canada, was March 1st. In recent years the average total of entries has been about 40, sometimes one or two more; so the number of entries this year, the first prize a \$750 scholarship and the second a \$500 scholarship, was a record. In 1937, the total of entries in the Toronto Conservatory of Music, with subsidiary cash awards, proved a real stimulus to creative effort.

This year the total has risen to 20 entries, though the gratifying fact that six of the nine provinces are represented.

It is therefore clear that a considerable number of young men and women between the ages of 18 and 22 are interested in composition, writing, are now in the arts and auxiliary services, which leaves them small opportunity for musical training. Orchestras everywhere throughout Canada have experienced a sharp decline in their personnel.

Of the 20 entrants this year twelve are boys and eight girls; distributed over the following centres:

Ontario: Toronto, 7; St. Catharines, 1; Galt, 1; London, 1.  
Quebec: Montreal, 1; Montreal, 2; Westmount, 1.

New Brunswick: St. John, 1; Fredericton, 1.

Manitoba: Winnipeg, 1.  
Saskatchewan: Regina, 1.  
British Columbia: Vancouver, 1.  
New Westminster, 1.

The decline in entries from the prairie provinces which in past years has been quite marked, is not particularly significant. On several occasions in the past important prizes have also gone to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which are this year out of the picture. Usually the age range of the entrants is between the ages of 18 and 21; but this year 11 of the 20 who have submitted manuscripts are under 18, consecutive evidence of the pre-occupation of many mature boys and girls with the war.

The Board of Adjudicators will shortly announce results.

## Never Duplicated

**Simple Reason Why No Two Snow  
Flakes Are Formed Alike**

Snowflakes are curious phenomena. One photomicrographer of snow crystals has made more than 4800 pictures of snowflakes and has yet to duplicate a duplicate.

The reason is believed to understand when you know that snowflakes are formed by millions of water molecules which gather upon a microscopically small particle or a seed, in crystalline patterns, hold it until there, where it is warm and moist, snowflakes are feathery, soft and delicate. Those formed at higher altitudes are simpler, more scalloped and irregular. Snowflakes are formed by millions of water molecules which gather upon a microscopically small particle or a seed, in crystalline patterns, hold it until there, where it is warm and moist, snowflakes are feathery, soft and delicate. Those formed at higher altitudes are simpler, more scalloped and irregular.

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**Town & District**

Miss Helen Kelly of Calgary spent the week end in town visiting her son Mr. and Mrs. P. Kelly.

The Easter Monday dance put on by the Red Cross in the Community Hall proved to a great success when a large crowd attended.

Forty-five bulls were purchased at the Calgary sale for Indian reserves in Alberta. The Blackfoot got twelve fine animals.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen House of the Buffalo Hill district spent a couple of days in town last week calling on their old friends.

Sunday was an ideal day for the Easter parade of every and many new creations were to be seen.

Bud Lester accompanied by his wife arrived over the week end and will remain here for a few days. Mr. E. Lester, who has been attending the university at Berkeley, California for several years from which he graduated recently. This is the first time he has been home since he left to attend the university. He expects to be in town for several weeks.

Among other ladies who spent the holiday weekend here were Sgt. D. W. Williams, R.C.A.F., High River; Ken Mathison of the army, Calgary and P. O. Evans, Vulcan.

Edward Soley of Everdale Home died last week at the age of 83 years. He was born in London, England, and came to Canada about 52 years ago. He had lived in Alberta for 12 years coming to Gleichen from Peace River about a year ago. He is survived by

his wife, who lives in the northern part of the province. Burial services were conducted by Major A. F. Parkhouse of the Salvation Army after which interment was made in Everdale cemetery.

People who failed to get ration book 4 during the distribution campaign may take or mail the red lettered application blank and return it to the ration book 3 at the nearest local ration board. All information must be complete on the application card before a new book is issued. In cases of children under 12 years of age the application card may be completed by the short E coupon from the No. 3 book. The original ruling was modified, though no fault of theirs were unable to call for book 4.

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**WITH THE WORLD**

To one who has not been called upon to experience the loss of home and property, the meaning of the suffering of the English folk towards bombing was extremely interesting. Even though one near and dear to them had been driven from their home they were pleased that Jerry had been beaten. They realize more about the spirit of the English people, but it does something to you when you are close to it and watch it at work. It is quite evident that the British are not to worry about the effect of the war on the children of Britain—they are taking it like veterans of the line.

**MISSING THE RAID**

"We arrived in London only an hour after the raid was over and the cabby

telling us about it on the way to the hotel, said "It weren't a half bad show; them guns put up a powerful barrage—one of the best seen 'ere in a long time."

It is difficult to understand. It appears there was more danger from flak than from the Huns. Three planes were brought down. It was interesting to learn later that the main effort is to bring down fighters. The bombers are not paid much attention. They bomb into the open country where the night fighters go to work and then shoot him down before he gets across the channel. Shooting planes down over

London creates considerable damage where they fall. In one area visited we saw for the first time some of the damage caused by the raid. What was said to have been a concrete wall had been blown in, railings open areas and penetrated far into the ground. The concrete was cut as cleanly for a diameter of about eighteen inches. You would cut the top off a car can. A few feet away the wall was chipped and shattered masonry but not seriously. A house nearby showed the effects of previous bombing, only the walls standing. Across the street a whole block of houses stood unharmed.

**A SOLDIER SPEAKS**

So you're sick of the way the country is run,  
And you're sick of the way rationing is done,  
And you're sick of standing around in line—  
You're sick, you say—well that's just fine.

So am I sick of the sun and heat,  
And I'm sick of the feel of my aching feet,  
And I'm sick of the stench when the night mists rise,  
And I'm sick of the stench of the wounded and weak.

So am I sick of the smell of the boucher's dive,  
And I'm sick of seeing the dead alive,  
And I'm sick of the roar and noise and din,  
And I'm sick of the taste of food from a tin.  
And I'm sick of slaughter—I'm sick of my soul,

I'm sick of playing a killer's role,  
And I'm sick of blood and death and smell,  
And I'm sick of myself as well.

But I'm sicker still of a tyrant's rule,  
And conquerors who reign with the wild beasts drill,  
And I'm even sicker quick when I think of the day,  
When all this hell will be out of the way.  
When none of this mess will have been vain.

And the lights of the world will blaze again,  
And things will be as they were before,  
And kids will laugh in the streets once more,  
And the Axis flag will be ripped and torn,  
And God looks down on a peaceful world.

**THERE ARE MORE GOOD REASONS FOR BUYING WAR BONDS THAN FOR BUYING ANY SINGLE THING EVER OFFERED TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE**

EVERYONE of us wants to win this war—to see peace restored—to have jobs to get back to when the war is won.

MILLIONS of us already in the Armed Services have dedicated time, effort, lives if need be, to the Nation. The rest of us have not been called to arms. Our big chance to get into the fight is to buy the Sixth War Loan to the absolute limit.

This is the People's Loan and we the People, will not fail.

We will not fail to buy Bonds—and keep them.

We will not fail to buy Bonds—and so help keep Canada the kind of land they want to see when they come home.

REMEMBER—we are lending, not spending. The money we lend is still ours to use in the years ahead when we need it most.

**Buy for PATRIOTISM . . . Hold for SECURITY**  
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BREWING INDUSTRY OF ALBERTA



John Fisher (left) producer, and Morley Callaghan (right) chairman, broadcast heard Tuesday evenings. Subject are soon checking a script for time on

**ADDRESSES ON THE MOVE...**

IN SPITE OF ALL WAR HAZARDS

# 31,500,000 LETTERS

REACHED YOUR MEN OVERSEAS LAST YEAR

Do you remember the "Change of Address" form which you filled out when you moved your civilian home? After that was filed at your local Post Office, every letter sent to your old address had to be redirected to the new one, and that went on until your correspondents were familiar with your new location.

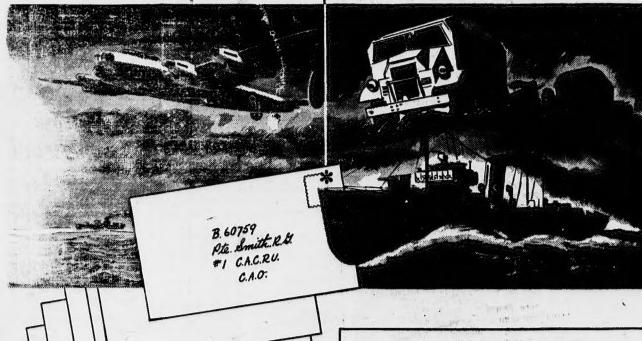
Probably you didn't move very often, but each time you did, the Post Office gave redressory service. And if you will think about that for a moment, you will begin to see what a stupendous task confronts the Canadian Postal Corps in handling the military mails, when thousands of men are being moved every day.

Yet, in spite of the need of tracing men from reinforcement units to their locations on fighting fronts . . . in spite of the need of tracing them through hospitalization . . . or while on leave . . . when their unit is moved . . . in spite of delays in air mail service caused by adverse flying conditions . . . of delays in surface transportation caused by enemy action . . .

In spite of every war hazard you can think of . . . your Post Office and the Canadian Postal Corps delivered 31,500,000 letters to men overseas in 1943!

It is inevitable that, in tracing men who have been moved, or wounded, some delay occurs. It is inevitable that enemy action holds up delivery in many ways. But everything the Canadian government can do to give you the best possible and most expeditious delivery of the letters your men are waiting for, is being well and thoroughly done, and will be done. New methods of speeding mail deliveries are being put into effect, new possibilities are being studied. Think of your own friends who have been posted to new locations overseas, and realize the task of tracing them when their mail arrives at their former addresses!

You can help your Post Office and the Canadian Postal Corps to give even better service if you will take a moment to make sure that your mail is correctly prepared. Do these simple things . . .



1. Always be sure each letter or parcel (properly packed) is addressed clearly and legibly.  
2. Use light-weight paper for regular Air Mail, or use the Armed Forces Air Letter Forms. Airgraph letters take a little longer because they must be processed in Canada and overseas.  
3. To avoid loss in hospital, mark your letter "In Hospital," if you are admitted to this effect.  
4. Never put into parcels perishable food, or any substance that can be damaged by extremes of temperature.



**CANADA POST OFFICE**  
Issued by the authority of  
HON. W. P. MULOCK, K.C., M.P., POSTMASTER GENERAL

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**To All Employers:**

All Unemployment Insurance Books for the year ending March 31st, 1944, must be exchanged for new books.

Kindly communicate immediately with the nearest Employment and Selective Service Office if you have not already exchanged your employees' books.

**There are severe penalties for failing to make Unemployment Insurance Contributions for your insured employees and for failure to renew the Insurance Books as required.**

**To All Employees:**

If you are an insured person protect your benefit rights by seeing that your Insurance Book has been exchanged.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION**

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